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A HEARING AID WITH A SELF-TEST CAPABILITY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-18 are cancelled.

Claims 19-41 are added as new claims.

19. A hearing aid comprising

an input transducer for transforming an acoustic input signal into a first electrical signal,

a signal processor for processing the first electrical signal to produce a second electrical

signal based on the first electrical signal,

an output transducer for converting the second signal into sound,

a probe for determining a signal parameter at a first point in a signal path of the hearing

aid extending through said input transducer, said signal processor and said output transducer,

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